(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Prepaid taxi and autorickshaw booths at New Delhi Railway Station

2627. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether prepaid taxi and auto rickshaw booths at New Delhi Railway Station don't function after 10.00 p.m. with the policemen posted there helping drivers to overcharge the passengers, particularly elderly and ladies, to any extent, fare charts being unavailable;

(b) whether any check is exercised by senior police officers on staff posted there;

(c) if so, the number of cases detected during 2005 and so far during 2006 and action taken against delinquent police personnel; and

(d) if reply to part (b) is in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (d) Two pre-paid Three-seater Scooter Rickshaw (TSR) booths are in operation at New Delhi Railway Station. No taxies are plying under these pre-paid booths. No complaint regarding Traffic Police personnel helping taxi/TSR drivers in overcharging passengers, particularly elderly persons and ladies at New Delhi Railway Station has been received by Delhi Police during the year 2005 and up to 30th April, 2006. The action taken by Delhi Police for proper functioning of pre-paid TSR booths, traffic circulation and parking within the station premises and at Chemsford Road include the following:

(i) Posting of one Zonal Officer, two Head Constables, four Constables on ajmeri Gate side and two Zonal Officers, three Head Constable and 10 Constables on Paharganj;

(ii) Frequent checking of traffic staff by Assistant Commissioner/ Inspector (Circle) of Traffic Unit;

(iii) Keeping a close watch on the activities of booth staff by Public Redressal of Grievances Cell (PRG Cell);

(iv) Launching of the special drives from time to time to keep a check on malpractices by TSR/taxi drivers;

(v) Regular announcement by public address system fro using pre-paid TSR service;

(vi) Distributio of fare charges and pre-postage complaint cards for use by general public for sending complaints regarding harassment caused by TST/taxi drivers; and

(vii) Prosecution of TSR/taxi drivers on complaints of overcharging/ misbehavior.

Financial Assistance for Housing Needs of Karnataka Police

2628. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations of the National Police Commission with regard to housing and other amenities for police personnel in State;

(b) whether Government of Karnataka has requested the Centre for financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 50 crores for meeting the housing needs of its police personnel, particularly in Bangalore and Mysore; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard and the Centre's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) National Police Commission recommended for provision of 100% family accommodation for all non-gazetted ranks in the civil and the armed Police besides provision of barrack accommodation for constables who come from moffusil to district headquarter on duty.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, during the financial year 2005-06 under the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces, Government for Karnataka, proposed an amount of Rs. 45.22 crore for residential buildings in their annual plan. Central Assistance of Rs. 9.79 crore was released to Karnataka for construction of Police housing/buildings.